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TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY DR. HENRY KISSINGER.

FOR NEXT ONE OR TWO LEBER MEETINGS, I PROPOSE TO TRY NEW TACTIC TO TEST WHAT MIGHT BE EVOKED IN WAY OF DIRECT EXCHANGE AMONG THREE VIETNAMESE DELEGATIONS.

MY TURN TO SPEAK WILL COME LAST NEXT WEEK. AT THAT POINT I WOULD SAY THAT I DO NOT PLAN FORMAL PRESENTATION OR COMMENTS AT THAT MEETING AS I WISH TO REFLECT ON THREE STATEMENTS THAT WERE PRESENTED ALREADY THAT DAY.

THE COMMUNISTS WILL BECOME AWARE OF MY INTENTIONS OF COURSE, BUT A DISPLAY OF THEIR REACTION TO SUCH AN ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT TRIPARTITE EXCHANGE AMONG THEM COULD BE USEFUL TO US. IT WOULD ALSO ENABLE LAM TO CARRY BALL ON POLITICAL MATTERS, WHICH COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN PUSHING. WE WOULD OF COURSE COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH GVN DEL.

WARM REGARDS.

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